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Dear Ed,

I just finished reading from the Los Angeles Examiner the impeachment resolution against Dean Acheson which was introduced into the California State Senate by State Senator Jack H. Temoney, Republican, from Los Angeles. I can't help but think that the American people, Democrat and Republican alike, are fed up with the Administration and its foreign policy.

The way Truman is appropriating money is outrageous. It is my belief that he is taking anyone's word for it and spending money uselessly and needlessly. At present he is asking Congress for 71.5 billion dollars which would cost each American $662.90.

Don't you think that our "foreign policy" is fouled up a bit? What right have we to refuse Red China entry into the United Nations if we think she (Red China) has a right to voice her opinions about what is to take place in the Far East. After all, isn't she a country out there just as Venezuela or Brazil is in our hemisphere? I say, "Let Red China into the U. N. and let her voice her vote and her opinions on what is to take place in the Far East."

The needless waste of life in Korea, on both sides, is shameful to the human race. Fighting won't settle anything. The only thing the I can see is being proven in Korea is "right over what may be right" Red China being the "right". The problem of Red China war the world, or the best part of it, has to be settled at the round table and eventually it will be. Red China will be admitted to the U. N. So the U. S. will have lost the first round. Otherwise, we did better in the "Boxer Rebellion".

I thought that only Congress could declare war. Why doesn't Congress either declare war against Red China or stop Truman from sending American troops throughout the world? Why should we take the brunt of it all? If the other countries in the U. N. won't supply the needed men and money then we should pull out of Korea and if need be, out of the U. N. and adopt something similar to what Hoover suggests.

The morale of the fighting man is very low. Mainly because the American people aren't behind him. Here at Pendleton most of these men know what war is or what its after-effects are and will be. Just last night at the "alcohol" (beer-hall) the men, not one or two, but the majority, were complaining about the way we were tricked into this. Everyone seems to have nothing but unfavorable thoughts, and remarks about the foreign policy. These men aren't afraid to fight. It's just that they have to face the issue to fight. If ordered to, we will but only because of the obligation we have to each other. I guess it's a form of "brotherly love".
Our only hope is that men our age throughout the world feel the same way and will state so to their leaders. By rebellion or other ways. After the loss of life, and property from the last war, everyone should want only peace. I believe that the people of our level want only peace but that the leaders (including Truman) are afraid to admit they are wrong and are ashamed to admit it for fear they will lose face. It looks that way, Dad.

I guess I've tired your eyes by now so I'll sign off for now. Good luck in your defense job.

Love,

Johnnie

P.S. I may be a rebel but these are my own thoughts and convictions.